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1. Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.10(d) to Correct International Filing Date
2. Correspondence dated August 21, 2003 from Peter Chen, U.S. Postmaster, San Ramon Office
3. Affidavit of Alexis B. Harris



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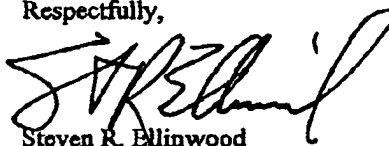
Re: **Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(d)**
Application No.: PCT/US03/05987
U.S. Application No.: 10/043,527
SAFE AND AUTOMATIC METHOD FOR
REMOVAL OF COKE FROM A COKE VESSEL

Dear Commissioner,

Transmitted herewith is a Renewed Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 to correct the international filing date accorded the referenced application from February 28, 2003 to December 18, 2002.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your early, favorable decision.

Respectfully,



Steven R. Ellinwood

Enclosure

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Subject: Express Mail #EV056011565US

Dear Mr. Ellinwood,

In further response to your inquiries regarding Express Mail Label Number EV56011565US and your efforts to correct the filing date of the above referenced Patent Cooperation Treaty patent application, I have reviewed the copy of the USPTO's Decision on Petition dated July 7, 2003 and I believe that we can adequately address the evidentiary concerns the USPTO set forth on page 2 of its Decision.

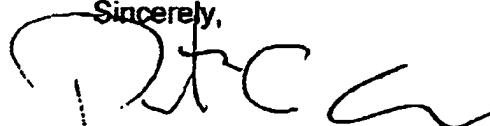
In the last full paragraph of the Decision the USPTO stated in part "....no where in the letter from Ms. Cundey's letter of May 28, 2003, does the USPS conclusively state that the Express Mail mailing in question was in fact deposited for mailing on December 18, 2002, prior to the last scheduled pickup and therefore should have been accorded a date of 18 December 2002." In response, after having reviewed your earlier petition and the affidavit of Alexis B. Harris submitted with that petition, as well as having personally interviewed Ms. Harris in my office and conducting an internal investigation of possible sources of error as previously explained by Ms. Cundey, I believe that the Express Mail item in question was in fact deposited for mailing on 18 December 2002 in the Express Mail box located at 2680 Bishop Drive San Ramon, California prior to the last scheduled pickup for that day. This is

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evident by the internal control system Collection Box Management System. The fact that the San Ramon Post Office had a breakdown in the process of handling the express mail was further evident by the internal score of the originating express mail score of 70.37% for the week in question. We are currently performing at 97.73% for the originating score. Accordingly the Express Mail item should have been accorded a "date in" date of 18 December 2002. In making this statement I am relying upon the results of my internal investigation and the sworn statements of Alexis B. Harris set forth in her affidavit previously submitted in this matter as well as on statements Ms. Harris made to me in my personal interview with her in my office on May 16, 2003 which statements I believe are truthful.

I trust that the United States Patent and Trademark Office will find my statements above persuasive and will correct the erroneous filing date of 28 February 2003 on your PCT application to the correct filing date of 18 December 2002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Chen', written over a horizontal line.

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